

**MINUTES OF THE  
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, September 15, 2004 – 8:00 a.m. – Room W025 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Senate Chair  
Rep. David N. Cox, House Chair  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Sen. David L. Thomas  
Sen. Carlene Walker  
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes  
Rep. Dana C. Love  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro  
Rep. Karen W. Morgan  
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff  
Rep. Peggy Wallace

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Jeff Alexander  
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of related materials can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov) or by contacting the committee secretary, Glenda Whitney, at 538-1032. A recording of the meeting is available from the committee secretary.

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Walker moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2004. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Thomas, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Morgan absent for the vote.

**2. Draft Bill, "Aerospace and Aviation Development Zone Modifications"**

Mr. James L. Wilson reviewed draft legislation "Aerospace and Aviation Development Zone Modifications" that was distributed in the Committee Interim mailing packet.

Mr. David Harmer, Executive Director, DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development), spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Wallace moved to adopt draft legislation, "Aerospace and Aviation Development Zone Modifications" as a Committee bill for the 2005 General Session. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Thomas and Rep. Hughes absent for the vote.

**3. Draft Bill, "Funding for Tourism"**

Mr. Wilson reviewed draft legislation, "Funding for Tourism" that was distributed in the Committee supplemental mailing packet.

The Committee proposed modifications to the draft legislation that will be brought back for review at a

future meeting.

#### **4. Draft Bill, "Employment Security Act Amendments"**

Mr. Chris Love, Director, Unemployment Insurance, DWS (Department of Workforce Services), presented an overview on the draft legislation, "Employment Security Act Amendments" that was distributed in the Committee mailing packet. He suggested that the proposed legislation have an immediate effective date.

Mr. Bill Starks, Chief of Contribution, Unemployment Insurance, DWS, reviewed the scope of SUTA (State Unemployment Tax Act) Dumping, suggested technical changes to the draft, and reviewed the penalties' provision of the proposed legislation.

Mr. Jim Olsen, Member of the Employment Advisory Council, spoke in support of an immediate effective date for the legislation.

#### **5. Earned Income Tax Credits (Rep. Karen W. Morgan)**

Rep. Morgan recommended that presenters address the Committee on ways to assist lower income citizens with earned income tax credits.

Ms. Helen Thatcher, Assistant Director, DWS, briefed the Committee on a conference she attended regarding this issue and discussed the earned income tax credits that are available to low income families.

Ms. Diana Waddell, Las Vegas Territory Manager, Internal Revenue Service, distributed and presented an overview on a packet of information, "Earned Income Tax Credit." She discussed the parameters for filing a claim and explained what volunteers have done to help with tax preparation assistance for lower income families.

Mr. Bill Crim, Executive Director, Utah Issues, distributed a handout, "Utah Saves - You Can Build Wealth," and explained the marketing project for a new statewide effort to build economic security and prevent poverty for all Utahns.

#### **6. Report: State Assistance to Cities and Counties Related to Moderate Income Housing**

Mr. Gordon Walker, Director, Division of Housing and Community Development, DCED, distributed the report, "Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund 2003-2004 Distribution of Funds Report." He presented an overview on state assistance to cities and counties to meet low and moderate income housing requirements.

#### **7. Committee Business / Adjourn**

Rep. Mascaro requested that DWS be placed on the October or November agenda to explain the "Covered at Work," health insurance assistance program.

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**MOTION:** Rep. Shurtliff moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Cox adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.